



## **King County**

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## **Regional Human Services Levy Oversight Board (RHSLOB)**

### **Meeting Summary**

**January 20, 2010 2-4 p.m.**

**Green Lake Library**

**7364 E. Green Lake Drive North – Seattle**

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Loran Lichty at 2:10 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:** Edith Nelson, Kathy Brasch, Loran Lichty

**Board Members Excused/Absent:** Kathleen Hadaller, Kevin Bernadt, Dorry Elias-Garcia

**County Staff Present:** Jackie Maclean, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Debora Gay, (DCHS); Marcy Kubbs, (DCHS); Erica S. Herrera, DCHS

**Guests:** Doug Hoople (VCLOB)

### **Review of Meeting Summary**

The draft November meeting summary was reviewed with one correction noted.

**ACTION:** The November meeting summary was approved as revised.

### **Committee Reports**

At the November meeting Marcy asked board members as part of their oversight responsibility if they would review the 2008 Performance Reports developed by the program managers and posted with the procurement plans on the levy website. She created a form to assist them in their review. It was suggested the review could be divided among the members to share the work, and the members could provide feedback.

The boards reviewed the 2008 Performance Reports available for Levy Strategies 2 through 5. Since there are no Human Services Levy funds in Strategy 1, Increasing Access to Services for Veterans that strategy was not included in this boards review. The following summary provides highlights of board member's discussion on the strategies and individual activities.

## **Strategy 2 Ending Homelessness**

### **Strategy 2.1 (a-1) Triaged List of High Utilizers**

- *Strengths* - Project is addressing high utilizers of public services
- *Weakness* - Database has taken a long time to be developed

### **Strategy 2.1 (a-2) Selected Service Improvements (Seattle)**

- *Strength* – Emergency Services Patrol was able to expand hours and its range of service
- *Weakness* – Report did not provide specifics.

### **Strategy 2.1 (b) Outreach to Homeless in South King County**

- *Strengths* – Mobile Medical Unit is a great service that is effectively building trust with the homeless in collaboration with the local churches. It is a team-oriented service where immediate medical care is arranged if necessary.
- *Weakness* – A high number of those being served struggle with mental illness and are very difficult to connect with mental health services. It may be important to get these individuals on some medication in order to make the referral to these services.

One unintended result is that board member, Loran Lichty, was so inspired by the work of the Mobile Medical Unit he has been working with 15 churches in the Kent and Renton area to organize a five-day a week, Monday through Friday meal program for the homeless. The ultimate goal would be to have enough homeless attending the program that it would justify having the Mobile Medical Unit available at those meal programs.

### **Strategy 2.2 Capital Dollars for Housing**

- *Strengths* – The activity is increasing the number of affordable housing units across the county. Good information is available on the projects including the amount of levy funding supporting the project and the timeline for completion.
- *Weakness* – Few projects are located in the North and East regions of the County. It would be helpful to have more housing for youth being developed.

### **Strategy 2.3 Landlord Risk Reduction**

- *Strengths* – This activity encourages landlords to rent to individuals who may be seen as “high risk” renters. The number of participating landlords has increased and none of the funds have had to be used to reimburse landlords for damages or back rent.

### **Strategy 2.4 (a) Health Housing Outreach Team (HHOT)**

- *Strengths* – The HHOT served 598 clients linking 198 clients to primary health care clinics.
- *Weakness* – Few of these services are available in the North and East regions of the county.

**Strategy 2.5 Criminal Justice Initiatives – Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT)**

- *Strength* – A total of 87 potential clients were contacted and 30 enrolled in the program.
- *Weakness* – It was unclear why some clients dropped out of the program.

**Strategy 2.6 Housing Support for Single Parents Exiting with Criminal Justice Histories**

- *Strengths* – The concept of supporting single parents so they can reunite with their children is good.

**Strategy 2.7 Housing Stability Program**

- *Strengths* – The project with its twelve partner agencies served 1,731 across King County in 2008.

**Strategy 2.8 Link Employment Services and Training to Educational, Vocational and Employment Opportunities to Housing**

- *Strengths* – Seven agencies provide services to help clients become self-sufficient through a process where clients set their own goals. This model may be particularly helpful given the economic downturn.

**Strategy 3 Increasing Access to Behavioral Health Services**

**Strategy 3.4 Program To Encourage Health Rewarding Lives (PEARLS)**

- *Strengths* – Targets services to African American and Filipino elders.
- *Weakness* – Though the City of Seattle provides these services countywide, the levy only supports two agencies with funds.

**Strategy #4 Strengthening Families at Risk**

**Strategy 4.1 Nurse Family partnership**

- *Strengths* – research-based nurse home visitation model that has positive impacts on young first-time low-income mothers and their infants. Levy funds support an expansion of the program across King County.

**Strategy 4.3 Prevention and Early Intervention**

- *Strengths* – Board members were impressed with this project that provides a home visiting program to support families, training for agencies and caregivers and a Cultural Navigator Program to increase access to services for immigrants and refugees. The home visiting program demonstrated successful outcomes for families. Levy funds supported the opening of a 4<sup>th</sup> site for the Cultural Navigator Program.

## **Strategy #5 Resource Management and Evaluation**

### **Strategy 5.5 Homeless Management Information System**

- *Strengths* - Progress was made in implementing Safe Harbors II and supporting participating agencies in using the new system.

### **Ideas for the Next Service Improvement Plan**

- Set aside funds specifically for small grants of \$5,000 that have a streamlined application process to help support potentially effective grass roots projects.
- Explore making funds available for faith-based organizations such as Vision House or Vine Maple.

### **Co-Chair's Report**

- None

### **King County Staff Report**

- 2009 Expense Forms were provided and collected from members.
- Financial Disclosure Forms were given out and collected
- Joint meeting was postponed until February 4, 2010. Sadikifu will be honored and two board members will be saying a few words.
- The King County Boards and Commission Reception will be held February 8, 2010, 6-8pm at the Museum of History and Industry. Please R.S.V.P directly or to Marcy.
- Debora Gay reported March 3, 2010 Dow Constantine will come out with list of Executive priorities. It is her understanding he will support a fall 2011 renewal date for the Levy.

### **Old Business**

- None

### **New Business**

- Edie announced an upcoming event Saturday, January 30, 2010 11-5pm at the Duwamish Longhouse 4705 W. Marginal Way SW, film viewing of Princess Angeline will show at 1&4pm.

### **Petitions/Communications (Public Comment)**

- None

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.